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Letter from the President August 08

To All Ayrshire Breeders and Friends.

I hope that you are all enjoying some much welcomed winter rain to go with the record milk prices that we are receiving at the moment. Unfortunately there are some of our members still struggling with the long term drought conditions especially those that rely on irrigation water from the Murray system and are at present on very minimal or even zero allocation for the coming irrigation season. We can all only hope that there is plenty more rain in the catchment area to ensure that there is some water that can be used. We are lucky that we are involved in breeding such a hardy, versatile and adaptable cow to help us get through the tough times that we have been having.

A.A.B.A. Amalgamation Talks

As mentioned in my last newsletter Lloyd Burgmann and I had twice attended, in Melbourne, the AABA committee meeting to discuss the joining together of our two breed groups to form one Ayrshire organization within Australia. In May at the Fanfare Sale in Victoria I was informed by the new AABA president Peter Arundell that a vote by the members of the AABA had been taken, with the result being that they are in favor of an amalgamation of our two breed groups. I have recently received a questionnaire letter from the AABA with some queries, concerns and ideas for the joining of our two groups. This letter and other amalgamation matters are to be discussed by the AABA committee at their August meeting.

I believe that we have come a long way to hopefully getting our two groups united to form one strong single Australian Ayrshire organization. This will help our breed progress into the future with better opportunities for promotion of the Ayrshire cow to the greater Australian dairy population.

Classifications

Any of our members who have had the classifier on their farm this year would have seen the new computer system being used. All breeders who I have spoken to have given good reports of this new way of classifying. If anyone has any queries or complaints, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Lloyd Burgmann. All feedback is greatly appreciated to ensure that the system is working to our breed requirements and is regularly updated.

All Australian Photo Competition and Production Awards

Entries for the All Australian Photo Competition, Cow of the Year and Production Awards will close on 14th November 2008. Any breeder who had entered last year will automatically be sent entry forms for the competition. If you require entry forms for the competitions they are available by contacting "Livestock Business Centre" and they can also be accessed on our web site - http://lbcentre.com.au/Ayrshire_Australia_Ltd.php.

This year we have also included a new Farm Scene Class in the Photo Competition. Presentation of all awards will again be done at the breed BBQ on Sunday night at IDW.

IDW Sale

It has been confirmed that Ayrshire's will once again be in the Sale at IDW. To ensure that our breed is included we need to have 10 quality females submitted. I have already been contacted by some breeders who wish to submit an animal. Could everyone who would like to submit a pedigree for the sale please send them to me by **1st October** do they can be assessed by our committee to be included in the Ayrshire catalogue.

New Zealand Centenary Tour

Ayrshire New Zealand is celebrating their centenary in 2009. As part of their celebrations they will be conducting an 18 day tour of New Zealand incorporating herd visits, the New Zealand Dairy Event and sightseeing through all parts of both islands. The tour has been designed to start after IDW to encourage overseas visitors to come to IDW and then travel on to New Zealand for the Centenary Tour. If you are interested in attending any part of the tour (it has been designed so you can join at any time) please contact Selwyn Donald e-mail - sdonald@paradise.net.nz phone – (64)NZ 6 308 9942
mail- R.D. 1 Featherston N.Z.

Registrations

As previously mentioned the Federal Council has decided to continue the moratorium on over age registration fees until **31st December 2008**. Until that date all registrations including animals over 12mths will be \$9.90.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on 22nd September 2008 at 8.00pm EST. This is going to be done with a phone hookup. All current Federal Council members are still in the middle of their 3 year term so there will be minimal elections. Reports will be given by President, Secretary, LBC Director & Treasurer plus any general business.

If anyone wishes to be involved in the meeting please contact either Kerren Britton at LBC or myself to be included in the phone hookup.

E-Mail Address

I am still trying to get all your e-mail addresses. If you have an e-mail address and haven't forwarded it to me yet could you please send it to - geelunga@adam.com.au
Please also let me know if you would like the newsletter e-mailed to you.

Greg Edmonds

AYRSHIRE AUSTRALIA WEB SITE: The development of our web site is progressing with on line pedigree information to be available soon. The address is www.lbcentre.com.au/ and click on "Ayrshire". The latest subject to go online is our photo competition. All the photos results from 2007 are online as well as the Production Results and entry forms for this year.

In order to progress to Stage 2 of the web site we need as many members as possible to log on and join up as members online. Even if you are already an AAL member you need to "pretend" that you aren't and register as a "new member", just ignore the prompt for payment. Once this is done the web site will send the information to us and I will update your details and send you an email back with your password. The more members who log on and hopefully do online registrations instead of sending registrations in via snail mail the quicker Stage 2 pedigree information will be on the web site.

CREDIT CARD FACILITIES: Our Secretary, Livestock and Business Centre, now has credit card facilities to allow us to pay our memberships, registrations, transfers etc over the phone, online or by simply returning the completed slip enclosed with your credit card details. This facility will make online registrations and membership applications simpler yet again!

Do You Have Any Show Results, News, Sales Or Anything At All That You Want Your Fellow Members To Know About Please Send Information To Kerren Via Email at kerren@lbcentre.com.au or fax 02 4232 3350.

This is your newsletter please support it with your input.

Livestock and Business Centre are offering members of the Ayrshire Society special rates for advertising on our web page. For a small add (business card size) or to have a link to your web site it is \$22.00 per year. If you would like a full page advertisement and link to your web site that will be \$110.00 per year. Send all information to Kerren at kerren@lbcentre.com.au or phone 02 4232 3333. If you need help with formatting your advertisement we can supply help with this as well.

National ID's and ADHIS

The problem with National ID's needs to be addressed it is an ongoing problem that the society has had for some time and at this stage information is not getting through to ADHIS because members are still not informing the office of the animals National ID's when registering their cattle and then the office is issuing a second National ID. Therefore when your animals are classified and the information send to ADHIS they are unable to find which animal has been classified because two National ID's have been issued for the same animal.

This matter needs to be addressed urgently members need to contact their herd recording centre and ask for a list of National ID's for all their herd recorded animals and this list needs to be sent into The Centre as soon as possible so that your records can be updated. Until this happens incorrect information will continue to be sent to ADHIS. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to contact either your branch secretary or the office.



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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday, 22 September 2008

Time: 8.00pm (ESDST)

Venue: Via Teleconference

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- 1. Welcome: By the President, Mr Greg Edmonds**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 29th October 2007**
- 3. Reports to be tabled:**
 - a) President Mr Greg Edmonds
 - b) Secretary Mrs Kerren Britton
 - c) LBC Director Mr Eric Ross
 - d) Treasurer Mr John Eagles
 - e) Audited Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss
- 4. Appointment of Auditor**
- 5. Resignation/Appointments of Directors**
- 6. General Business**
 - a) At the President's discretion

Greg Edmonds

AAL, Federal President

NOTE: If you would like to participate in the AGM teleconference, please contact the Federal Secretary, Kerren Britton on (02) 4232 3333 by the 12th September 2008.



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AYRSHIRE FEES JANUARY 2007

Registrations	Under 12 months	\$ 9.90
	12 months and over	\$14.30

The fee to register Appendix animals is the same as other entries (under 6 months) with no late penalties.

Transfers \$2.20 plus 2% sales levy. Total = \$11.00 minimum

Membership	Full	New
QLD, TAS	\$ 88.00	\$71.50
SA	\$ 99.00	\$77.00
VIC	\$104.50	\$79.75
NSW	\$110.00	\$82.50

(The Federal Council Levy is \$55.00; any new members pay only half of the state levy)

Herd Books are available for \$11.00 each.

Associate (pay half of the Federal Levy and half of the State Levy, get the journal, cannot register animals or vote)

QLD, TAS	\$44.00
SA	\$49.50
VIC	\$52.25
NSW	\$55.00

Junior 20 years and under
(Pay half of the State Levy, get journal, can register up to 4 animals per year, no voting rights)

QLD, TAS	\$16.50
SA	\$22.00
VIC	\$00.00
NSW	\$27.50